

MINUTES –APRIL 7, 2011  
BIG BEND GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT #5  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The monthly board meeting of the Big Bend Groundwater Management District #5 was held at the District office in Stafford on Thursday, April 7, 2011. Board members present were Kent Lamb, John Janssen, Fred Grunder, Curtis Tobias, Darrell Wood, Ed Shultz and Phillip Martin. Board members not present were Kraig Froetschner and Kevin Schultz. District staff present was Wes Essmiller. Guest present Jeff Lanterman.

President Darrell Wood called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

John Janssen moved, Phillip Martin seconded to accept the March minutes as written. Motion carried 5-0.

Fred Grunder arrived at approximately 7:12 p.m.

Phillip Martin moved, John Janssen seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried 6-0.

Ed Shultz arrived at approximately 7:45 p.m.

The Board discussed the peer review report furnished by the Division of Water Resources and acknowledged their remarks and concerns. The Board decided to pursue several model scenarios to help in the understanding of how the model would be utilized. Phillip Martin moved, John Janssen seconded to run two scenarios through the model for beneficial information. The first will look at sustainable yield across the District, this would include looking into possible location for augmentation of the Rattlesnake creek as well as allowing more appropriations in areas deemed to be not yet fully appropriated. The second scenario would be to look at current and slightly downward trending water use and determine effects in the distant future in the range of 50–100 years. Motion carried 7-0.

A discussion of Term Permit # 20109023 occurred and the determination was to allow the state to investigate further if it felt it was necessary. Fred Grunder moved, Curtis Tobias seconded to make a recommendation to authorize a 5 year term permit extension at the states discretion. Motion carried 7-0.

The board was given information on three Senate Bills: 124, 191, and 214, all are pending in the legislature and relate to the business of the District.

Manager Essmiller spoke to the board about allowing field staff to work four 10 hour days instead of five 8 hour days in order to improve efficiency. The board recommended it be for a trial basis of 3-4 weeks, then evaluate the decision further.

Jeff Lanterman, Stafford Field office Water Commissioner, spoke about upcoming impairment claims. He also spoke on behalf of the state about the districts model and its workings. Curtis Tobias spoke on behalf of the Kansas Water Authority and mentioned the upcoming meeting August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. He asked if the board would be interested in helping with the arrangements. This item was tabled until further information could be obtained next month.

There was a small discussion on the 15AF permits. This item was tabled for future discussion.

With no further items to discuss, the board adjourned at 9:26 p.m.